

Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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WELCOME TO PATOKA LAKE - Indiana's largest state operated property!

Patoka Lake Interpretive Services presents a variety of natural & cultural history programs and special events throughout the year.

Take a close-up look at amazing animals! Join the naturalist for a hike! Experience craft demonstrations, music presentations, kids' activities, and much more! Ask one of the friendly staff for more information. Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Visit our website: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/

March 2008 Activities

Saturday, March 8th

- 10a.m.-2p.m. **Patoka Raptors** ~ Patoka's resident raptors, **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be "OUT" in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 10a.m. **Maple Syrup Hike** ~ With the late winter comes the sap of the sugar maple trees. Discover what it takes to get the sweet breakfast delight to your house as we walk the 1/2 mile Garden Rock Loop Trail. Taps? Sap? Hear the stories of Patoka's past residents who tapped maple trees to make syrup. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Fly a Kite** ~ Bring your kite and join the naturalist at the Beach upper parking lot. Enjoy the spring winds and a friendly competition with this outdoor activity. **b**

Sunday, March 9th

- 10a.m.-2p.m. **Patoka Raptors** ~ Patoka's resident raptors, **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be "OUT" in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Narrows Hike** ~ With stories and a short hike through the old road known as the "Narrys", enjoy the history of the Hall Ridge and Patoka Lake area. Take a look at Patoka's rich heritage as we share the writings of Mr. Fred Dillard. **vc**
- 2p.m. **Hawk Talk** ~ Enjoy a close-up look at Patoka's resident redtail hawk. What sounds do this species of hawk make? Discover fascinating facts as we look at the world of "birds of prey." **vc**

BALD EAGLE C52 & REDTAIL HAWK

will be "OUT" in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center on the following days in addition to the regularly scheduled programs:
March 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st and 28th

Saturday, March 15th

- 10a.m.-2p.m. **Patoka Raptors** ~ Patoka's resident raptors, **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be "OUT" in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 11a.m. **Whooo's Out at Night?** ~ Take a close-up look at Patoka's resident barred owl, the silent hunter of the night. Prepare to hike the 1/2 mile Garden Rock Loop Trail looking at common roosting and nesting places for barred owls. **vc**
- 1p.m. **March Music Jam & Snack Pitch-In** ~ Enjoy an indoor music jam of old-time tunes and bluegrass music by **Bob Gibson Family & Friends**. Vocal harmonies, sing-a-long songs, guitars, banjos, fiddles, harmonicas and dulcimers will be featured. Bring your acoustic instruments (not required) and a snack item to share. Join in as we celebrate the end of winter and kick off spring. **vc**

Sunday, March 16th

- 1p.m. **Turtle Talk** ~ With a nature video and a close-up look at Patoka's resident box turtle, let's explore the wonderful world of this cold-blooded animal. **vc**



VOLUNTEERS at Patoka

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer to assist with programs and projects, please contact the Patoka Lake Visitor Center.

Check out the possibilities!

We look forward to another exciting year!

Saturday, March 22nd

- 10a.m-2p.m. **Patoka Raptors** ~ Patoka's resident raptors, **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be "OUT" in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 10a.m. **Hunting with a Bald Eagle** ~ Learn how eagles hunt and survive. With a close-up look at Bald Eagle C52, hear the sounds of eagles and learn about the specialized "tools" featured in catching their food. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Gardening for Wildlife** ~ It's just the right time to plan your gardens for butterflies, hummingbirds and other wildlife. Create a wonderland for you, your family and area wildlife with water gardens and creative plantings of perennials, annuals, trees and shrubs. Ideas and exciting plans wait for you at Patoka! **vc**

Sunday, March 23rd

- 10a.m-2p.m. **Patoka Raptors** ~ Patoka's resident raptors, **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be "OUT" in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Birds of Patoka** ~ Welcome back the songbirds, tree climbers, waterfowl, wading birds, and other winged wonders of this southern Indiana area with slides and a car caravan to the beach to see what we can see. We will begin with an indoor look at some common and not so common birds. Bring your binoculars and cameras. **vc**

Spring Festival

Patoka Lake Visitor Center

April 19th

10a.m. to 2p.m.

(Eastern Daylight Time)



Spring Walk

Taste of Patoka Wild Game
Recycling Displays & Activities
Plant & Seed Savers Exchange
Raptor Programs

Crafts * Games * Relays
and MORE!

EAGLE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE throughout the year! Stop by the Visitor Center and pick up your information packet of raptor flight identification, eagle fact sheet and a map of bald eagle viewing areas around Patoka!

Saturday, March 29th

- 10a.m-2p.m. **Patoka Raptors** ~ Patoka's resident raptors, **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be "OUT" in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Owl Prowl** ~ With a close-up look at Patoka's resident barred owl, discover the fascinating world of this nocturnal hunter. Wear comfortable shoes and join in a short hike on the Garden Rock Loop Trail. We will look for common roosting and nesting places. **vc**

Sunday, March 30th

- 10a.m-2p.m. **Patoka Raptors** ~ Patoka's resident raptors, **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be "OUT" in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Hawks: Daytime Hunters** ~ Hear the sounds of the common redtail hawk and take a close-up look at one bird no longer able to fly and find her own food. Where does this species of hawk live and hunt? Wear comfortable shoes and we'll take a short walk to look at open places where hawks may be hunting today. **vc**

BALD EAGLE C52 RAPTOR FUND

A fund has been established with the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation so you can help provide for the long term care of Bald Eagle C52 and other permanently injured birds of prey used in interpretive programming at Patoka Lake.



Donations may be sent to:

Indiana Natural Resources Foundation
attn: C52 Fund
402 W. Washington St., # W256
Indianapolis, IN 46204

For a detailed schedule of viewing times or more information about Patoka's resident raptors, eagles around Indiana and how you can help, call the Visitor Center at 812.685.2447 or check out the web: **www.in.gov/dnr/c52**

ARTSPACE

Experience a variety of artists and individual interpretations from graphite sketches, paintings, woodcarving, metal art, fabric and much more. Enjoy the celebration of local and regional artists as individual artist's works are featured each month in **Patoka's ArtSpace.**

If you or someone you know would like to exhibit, please call Patoka Lake Visitor Center 812.685.2447.

